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Pedestrian Fatality at Metrolink Crossing

Riverside, CA -- On April 22, 2009, the Riverside Police Department responded to the scene of a fatal incident involving a pedestrian and a Southern California Metrolink commuter train at Jackson Street and the tracks. Upon arrival, officers located a 15 year old male Arlington High School student that had been struck by a Metrolink train.

The initial investigation revealed that the juvenile was walking southbound Jackson towards Arlington High School. The rail crossing arms for the Jackson Street/tracks intersection were down and the lights and bells were working properly. A westbound Metrolink train crossed the intersection and continued westbound. The juvenile began crossing the tracks. An eastbound Metrolink train was approaching from the opposite direction. The juvenile walked into the path of the eastbound Metrolink train and was struck by the train. The juvenile was killed instantly.

Representatives from the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department, BNSF, Riverside Unified School District, and the Riverside Police Department Traffic Unit responded to the scene.

The juvenile's identity is not being released at this time, pending the Riverside County Coroner's Office notifications.

Anyone with further information is asked to contact Lieutenant Bruce Loftus at (951) 353-7965.